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Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office action dated October 12, 2007. It is being timely filed on or before its due date of February 12, 2008, in view of the accompanying Petition for a 1-month Extension of Time.

Amendments to the Specification are set forth on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 6. Remarks begin on page 10.